

SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE 2015 FEEDBACK

QUESTION:

Should Scottsdale improve bus service within Scottsdale or between neighboring cities?

SPEAK UP

<http://speakupscottsdale.com/discussions/transportation-transit/topics/bus-service-improvements>

Aimee Maxfield

I would like the bus service to connect to the light rail.

Carol Yocom

I'm thinking Scottsdale is very much auto- centric, so bus service is not going to be used by many people. With summer temperatures so high, I certainly don't plan on waiting in the sun for 15 or more minutes for a bus. I'd end up looking like a fried egg. However, short frequent routes might work better than long trips. Distinctive trolleys might be cute.

Davis Blank

Unless bus service is improved (more frequent and reliable service, more bus stops) people will stick with autos. Everyone is busy and the extra hours it can take to use public transport are just not there for me.

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Colleen Forgus

Absolutely NOT! The city of Phoenix discontinued bus service through much of Scottsdale because it was not profitable. Scottsdale provides bus service at the taxpayer's expense and inconvenience and still they are empty. Scottsdale is simply not a community that needs more buses. The park and ride parking lot at Thunderbird and Scottsdale Road is a \$5 million+ waste of money. No one is going to leave their \$100,000 car in a parking lot to ride a bus. I count the cars every time I drive by it. IF 5 cars are there - that's a lot. There are far more options available to those without cars. Uber provides money to local drivers and safe rides for passengers. There are better solutions to transportation needs, buses are definitely NOT the answer.

Manuel Correa

You sound angry. Take a deep breath. Everything's going to be okay.

Colleen Forgus

We do not need to waste one more penny on things that don't work. They need to get the message - we've had this issue in Scottsdale for years. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different outcome.

Responses received as of Sept. 9, 2015

Jennifer Baird

Jeez-o-pete, if I drove a \$100,000 car I probably wouldn't want to leave it in a parking lot all day either!!

Colleen Forcus

What is the goal? Is it to get more cars off the road? Is it to transport people who don't drive? If it is to get more cars off the road - take a poll - who is willing to walk in the heat to a bus station and deal with all of the hassle and extra time involved with getting to where you need to go when you have a car?

Kudos to you Jennifer for trying to take the bus. I have seen people running to catch the bus and watch it take off without them. It is heartbreaking and humiliating to see people running to catch it - I have actually asked some people if they need a ride to the next bus stop to catch the bus rather than waiting for the next one to come by. Scottsdale and the entire metro Phoenix area is so spread out - taking a bus is simply not an option for the vast majority of people who drive cars. For the people who don't drive, aren't there more creative methods for getting them to the places they need to be than large cumbersome buses traveling around empty much of the time? Putting the money toward something more creative - Scottsdale used to be so innovative and creative. More bike paths. Support of something like Uber to take people to where they actually need to be in a shorter amount of time.

Britt Stevens

I'd love a reliable bus route from Phx to Scottsdale. Either that, or a dedicated bike path linking the two. Not everyone can afford a car and Az public transportation isn't very good in the first place.

Brad Rininger

Anyone that claims nobody rides the bus in Scottsdale obviously has their head stuck up north of Shea somewhere. There is a large amount of riders coming into Scottsdale from Tempe/Phoenix, I know this because I sat next to them for a month long project in which I ditched my car entirely. Scottsdale doesn't need a depot, they need an express route or two that doesn't stop four times every block up and down Scottsdale Rd. McDowell>Cback>Shea>Greenway>FLW...I'd ride it every day. In its current state it's faster to ride my bike from Indian School to Greenway than take the bus.

Kashica Maass

yes, because lots of people in Phoenix work in Scottsdale it could help unemployment.

Kristie Taylor

We need light rail to connect Scottsdale to all of the valley cities. It would not only be nice to not have a car but with the amount of people that live in the valley area and the sprawl that continues to build the valley, it'd be nice to get around as easily as Paris or NYC.

Brandon Sullivan

The city has to ask this question? Were no lessons learned from the million dollar bus depot at Scottsdale/Thunderbird that sits empty every day? Has anyone from the city's transportation division actually ridden on a bus in the last 5 years? Oh don't worry, you will find a seat . . .

Danielle Wonderbread Rdot

Yes please, because, although the view of Scottsdale is that everyone is very wealthy, there are certainly people that need the bus system to get to work due to a lack of car or for any other reason. Please just make the busses more consistent. Also, please keep the trolleys.

Troy Lee Pawleska

Should get light rail

Kyle Angelini

We need the light rail

Richard Hicks

All of Phoenix transit sucks not enough and never on time and shut down way to early.

Chad Religa

Uhh it needs to go down lower buckeye further.

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all over needs it

Chris Somegustava

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Personally, I'd like some later hours at least on weekends and maybe something that goes two & from the light rail. The Scottsdale rd trolley would also be cool during the day year-round.

Becki Lujan Molt

We love cars here - not more buses.

Micki VanderWagen Wing

Yes' FLW, Thompson Pk to Scottsdale Rd.

Shirley Neeriemer

Solar powered?

Brad Rininger

Great point. Plus, you can't take your coffee on the bus. WTF is up with that?

Cristopher Michael

I love Ollie the Trolley myself personally! I'd like to see more neighborhood trolley type buses around myself. They don't have to all even be free. They just seem more friendly, approachable and more a part of the community.

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Jerry Burghout

More empty buses ,, No .

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James L. @jimlvail

Yeah, sure. And let's build another multi-million dollar Park-n-Ride like the one at Scottsdale and Thunderbird.